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SUBJECT: CHURCHILL FOREST INDUSTRY OFFICIALS CHARGED

REF: WINNIPEG A-2, JAN 21, 1974 AND PRECEEDING

MARCH 13 WINNIPEG FREE PRESS REPORTS CHARGES OF CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT FRAUD, FRAUD AND THEFT FILED MARCH 8 IN COURT OF QUEEN'S BENCH AGAINST SEVERAL TECHNOPULP INC OFFICIALS INCLUDING FIRM'S CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER KASSER OF MONTCLAIR N.J. AND HIS SON, MICHAEL. A TOTAL OF 25 CHARGES WERE LAID ALLEGING MIS-APPROPRIATION OF 122 MILLION DOLLARS IN BUILDING OF C.F.I. COMPLEX IN THE PAST. MANITOBA GOVERNMENT HAS REQUESTED U.S. DISTRICT COURT JUDGE THAT EVIDENCE BE TAKEN IN NEW YORK ON CHARGES AND THAT ANSWERS OF WITNESSES SO QUESTIONED BE PUT IN WRITING AND FORWARDED TO WINNIPEG.

COMMENT: DURING LAST VISIT TO CONGEN IN MAY 1972 C.F.I. ATTORNEY EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER POSSIBILITY OF CRIMINAL CHARGES BEING LAID AGAINST FIRM OFFICIALS. HE WAS AWARE THAT "CONSPIRACY TO DEFRAUD" WAS AND EXTRADICATABLE OFFENSE UNDER U.S. - CANADIAN TREATY. HOWEVER HE THEN CONTENDED THAT "EVERY PENNY COULD BE ACCOUNTED FOR."

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